

Cottingham Woods COVID-19 & Contagious Illness Policy & Waiver

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy:

In order to ensure the safety of the Cottingham Woods Community, we will require all attendees to our events – PCs, NPCs, and Staff – to provide proof of vaccination against Covid-19.

We **follow the CDC Definition of Fully Vaccinated**, which means that you must have received your initial vaccination regime (1 shot J&J, or 2 Shots Moderna/Pfizer) plus the Booster. While we encourage all individuals to obtain the Updated Bivalent Boosters, they are not required at present. We reserve the right to require them at future events.

We will provide a means for you to verify your vaccination status ahead of the actual event. This includes but is not limited to:

- hosting a video chat where you can show a staff member your vaccine card,
- sending a photo of your card to a designated email address (vaccinated@cottinghamwoods.com), or
- showing your card or a photo of your card at check-in at the event.

We will not keep copies of your vaccination card. If sent to us via email, we will delete the email after verifying your vaccination status.

As a reminder, you must be 14 days past your final shot to be considered fully vaccinated. For our April 7, 2023, event, for example, you must have received your final shot by March 23, 2023.

If you have a medical exception as to why you cannot be vaccinated, we will instead accept:

- A letter from your doctor (and signed) explaining you have a medical reason that you cannot take the vaccine. We do not need to know the reason why. We are not medical professionals. We need only confirmation from a medical professional that you cannot be vaccinated.
- A negative Covid-19 PCR test within 72 hours of the event.
- Please note that we will inform our community if we have an individual(s) who have a medical exception. We will not say who it is, but we wish to ensure that the community understands the risk factors involved for attendance to make their own informed decision as to whether or not to attend a Cottingham Woods event

We do reserve the right to require vaccinations and/or boosters for all future events should variants of COVID-19 spread – or any other pandemic occur.

COVID-19 Event Policy:

In an effort to keep our players as safe as possible at events, we will be following all federal, state and local guidelines - as well as CDC recommendations - to the best of our ability, as well as implementing additional precautions for the safety of our players and staff.

Additional safety precautions for events include:

- All attendees must be vaccinated against COVID-19, as noted in the Vaccination Policy guideline above. Medical exceptions will require a doctor's letter and a negative COVID-19 test, per the guidelines above, and Cottingham staff may at any time choose to not allow medical exceptions. We strongly recommend that those who cannot be fully vaccinated not attend for their own safety.
- Sign and return the Covid-19 Release and Waiver form below
- We kindly ask all participants to take an at-home COVID-19 Test on Friday before coming to the event to confirm a negative test status.
- Following the recent guideline updates published by the CDC, face masks will not be required indoors but we encourage everyone to mask when in confined spaces where social distance cannot be maintained. If there is a surge in cases in the region, we reserve the right to require masks in Monster Camp and/or all indoor spaces and will announce at game opening. Masks will be provided for those who may not have them.
- Anyone exhibiting any symptoms must wear a mask at all times when indoors and within 6 feet of others. Mask may only be removed to eat or drink and then must be immediately replaced.
- Extra Masks, medical gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant will be available.
- NPCs are encouraged to bring their own makeup if they wish to use makeup for their roles, but CW2 Staff will also provide individual paint trays for NPCs and staff to prevent cross-contamination of makeup supplies between disinfection.
- Disinfection of shared costumes, packets, and weapons provided for staff and NPCs.
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 7-10 days, you must obtain a negative COVID-19 test to participate.
- If you have had an exposure within the last 72 hours, we kindly ask you not attend, even if testing negative, due to the risk that you may develop symptoms and be contagious during the event. If you do attend, please remain masked at all times (except for eating and drinking), and please either tent or sleep offsite.

This form is presently required every event, due to our Insurance Policies.

You may also submit this form electronically online here: <https://bit.ly/CW2covidwaiver>

Masks and Contagious Illness

Cottingham Woods would like to codify our support of Mask-wearing going forward, to protect yourself and others from the spread of Contagious Illnesses. LARPing typically occurs during flu and cold season, and as we consider the return to LARPing, we also recognize the potential return of “LARP crud” and the spread of contagious illnesses among the LARP community.

If you are sick with a contagious illness, we ask that you do not attend a Cottingham Woods event.

If you are at an event, and suspect you are becoming sick and/or exhibit symptoms, we ask that you don a mask that covers mouth and nose to protect others, until such time that you deem you are not ill or you remove yourself from the event.

We recognize that there can be overlapping symptoms between contagious illnesses and non contagious maladies such as allergies. We trust people to act in a manner that is safe and reasonable for their own health and wellbeing as well as the health and wellbeing of those around them in making determinations about whether they are safe to stay at an event or whether to leave early.

We encourage anyone and everyone to wear a mask if you wish to take precautions against getting sick. Use hand sanitizer and regularly wash your hands.

In-Game, not everyone has ready access to a Witch or a Priest, and so it is common in the Written World for those who are ill, or who might be near those who are ill, to wear a mask to protect themselves and others. In other words, masks are accepted in-game and you do not need to provide an explanation for wearing one.

Cottington Woods COVID-19 Waiver

Legal Name(s) of Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Physical Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Read and Confirm the Following:

____ I understand that I will NOT be admitted to the event without providing a valid vaccine card.

____ I have read and understand the Safety Precautions outlined here: COVID-19 & Contagious Illness Policy & Waiver.

____ I understand that I may be asked to leave the event if my actions are deemed unsafe or not in compliance with CDC guidelines as outlined on their website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

____ By purchasing a ticket/attending this event, I acknowledge and accept inherent risk of potential exposure to COVID-19 at a public event.

____ I voluntarily assume any and all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Cottington Woods LARP or any of their affiliates, vendors, directors, staff, contractors or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

____ I will NOT attend the event if I am experiencing symptoms (outlined here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) or have any reason to believe I may have been recently exposed to COVID-19.

____ I understand that I may be contacted using the information provided above with any questions regarding this form.

Please Answer the Following:

Have you been previously infected with Covid-19? _____

If yes, when was the date of your last symptoms, or the date of your negative test result?

Data Privacy Acknowledgement

I understand that the information I've provided using this form may be shared with Cottington Woods LARP administrative staff, local authorities, health agencies, EMTs, etc. as deemed necessary (especially in the case of potential COVID-19 exposure at the event). Online data privacy cannot be guaranteed. I can opt to print and fill out a physical copy of this form and provide physical copies of the requested documents upon arrival at the event in lieu of submitting this form electronically. I may refuse to provide this information, and opt-out of attending this event instead.

Participant Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is a minor): _____ Date: _____